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the Chinese Communists began constructing an auxiliary airfield in the area of Pait'a (4101/1044) and Wukengp'u (0063/2577/6917), Chieh yang (N 23-34, E 116-20) Hsien. The field was to cover an area of approximately 7,000 mou, and the runway under construction was at least 2,500 feet in length. More than 2,000 laborers, most of whom were young and able-bodied, were engaged in constructing the field. Each of the laborers was paid at the rate of four catties of rice and one new JMP per day. Wukengp'u, which previously had been a main town in Chieh yang Hsien, had been declared a restricted area and was garrisoned by approximately 100 soldiers. No one was permitted to travel in the vicinity of Chieh yang at night.

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